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WIFA Announces \$35 Million Loan to the City of Kingman in Mojave County to Expand Capacity and Upgrade Nitrogen Removal at Hilltop Wastewater Treatment Plant

PHOENIX (March 6, 2009) – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona officials announced today that a \$35 million low-interest loan has been awarded to the City of Kingman to expand capacity and upgrade the treatment process for nitrogen removal at the Hilltop Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The plant is currently not meeting state and federal guidelines for nitrogen removal. New treatment processes will help reduce nitrogen levels and produce 1 million gallons a day of Class A+ effluent, which can be used for landscaping and golf course irrigation. The effluent will then be piped about 200 feet to a series of basins, where it will either recharge into the local aquifer system or evaporate.

In addition, the improvements will increase the plant's current permitted flow capacity from 3 million gallons a day to 5.1 million gallons a day to accommodate projected population growth through 2020. Population projections were completed by the City's engineering firm and based on 2000 census data.

Last year, WIFA awarded the city a short-term \$4.2 million loan for the design of the Hilltop Wastewater Treatment Plant and a \$35,900 grant in 2007 for the preliminary design report. The \$35 million loan announced today is the final phase of the project. The plant serves 14,000 residents in its service area northeast of downtown as well as surrounding unincorporated areas. It has a total of 8,290 service connections.

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. For more information, please visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.